

CONQUERORS THROUGH CHRIST

Sunday Morning, February 27, 2022 » Pastor Josiah Kagin

Message Title: Conquering Faulty Fixations

Message Text: Nehemiah 6:3, 15

Introduction:

Our **goal** this year is to radically increase our understanding and experience of conquering through Christ over sin and every obstacle that hinders us from obeying the Word and will of Jesus Christ. Often times we *fixate on the sin or the obstacle* in hopes of conquering them. This never leads to triumph, only failure and despair.¹

What is the sin or obstacle that you are dealing with right now?

1. He _____ on God Himself

NEHEMIAH PRAYED CONSISTENTLY

Nehemiah 1:4-11; 2:4; 4:4-5; 5:19; 6:9, 14; 9:5-38; 13:14, 22, 29, 30

“Remember me, O my God...”

NEHEMIAH PRAYED CONFESSING THEIR _____

Nehemiah 1:7 We have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept the commandments, nor the statutes, nor the judgments, which thou commandedst thy servant Moses.

Psalms 66:18 If I regard iniquity in my heart, The Lord will not hear me:

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

¹ Context: Nehemiah, a Jew, was in captivity (430BC) in Shushan. He was cupbearer to Persian King, Artaxerxes I, Longimanus (464-424BC). He received word that those who had returned from captivity to Jerusalem where living there with the walls of the Jerusalem still broken down. The temple had been rebuilt (Ezra 6:15) with the preaching of the prophets Haggai and Zachariah. While their worship had been restored, the walls had not been. God used Nehemiah to led the re-building of the wall around Jerusalem in just 52 days.



NEHEMIAH PRAYED CONCERNING THE _____

Nehemiah 4:4–5 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn their reproach upon their own head, and give them for a prey in the land of captivity: 5 And cover not their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee: for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders.

Nehemiah 6:9 For they all made us afraid, saying, Their hands shall be weakened from the work, that it be not done. Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.

Nehemiah 6:14 My God, think thou upon Tobiah and Sanballat according to these their works, and on the prophetess Noadiah, and the rest of the prophets, that would have put me in fear.

2. He Moved _____ in _____

Nehemiah 6:3 And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?

NOTE: 13 years after the wall was built, Nehemiah is still praying and moving forward in faith.

CLEANSING THE TEMPLE AND RESTORING CARE OF THE LEVITICAL PRIESTHOOD

Nehemiah 13:14 Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and wipe not out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God, and for the offices thereof.

RESTORING THE HONOR OF THE SABBATH DAY

Nehemiah 13:22 And I commanded the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day. Remember me, O my God, concerning this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy mercy.

CONTENDING FOR PURITY

(Intermarrying with heathen wives; Lev. 21:6-8)

Nehemiah 13:29 Remember them, O my God, because they have defiled the priesthood, and the covenant of the priesthood, and of the Levites.

Conclusion

Nehemiah 13:31 And for the wood offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits. Remember me, O my God, for good.



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